

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the above amendments, claim 21, amended to include the subject matter of claim 25, and claims 22-24, 26-27, 29-30, 33, and 38-39 dependent on the amended claim 21 and, claims 40-53 will be pending.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 40-53 are allowed and claim 25 is considered to be directed to patentable subject matter but subject to an objection as depending from rejected claim 21.

Accordingly, in order to advance prosecution but, without expressing agreement with the grounds for rejection of claims 21-24, 26, 27, 30, 33-36, 38 and 39, the subject matter of claim 25 is incorporated into claim 21. Accordingly, the amended claim 21 should now be in condition for allowance. Therefore, since remaining claims 22-24, 26, 27, 30, 38 and 39 depend from amended claim 21, these claims are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

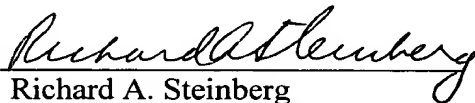
In view of the claim amendments, the rejection of claims 21-24, 26, 30, 33-36, 38 and 39 and the rejection of claims 27 and 29 are moot.

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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